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In re Application of:

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Appln. No.: 09/775,677
) Washington, D.C.
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE OF

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 6, 2002, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 18-20 and 41-72 without prejudice toward the continuation of prosecution in a divisional application.

Adjustment date: 03/21/2003 EEKUBAY1 09775677 01 FC:116 400.00 CR

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 21-40, 73 and 74 presently appear in this application. No claims have yet been examined on the merits. The Office Action of May 6, 2002, has now been carefully studied.

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